

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111</b></p> <p>Address to: Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	Attorney Docket No.	MSSM-001
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2007 for which a three-month period for response was given. A petition and petition fee for a one month extension of time is attached hereto making this response timely filed on or before December 22, 2007. Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees associated with entry of this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number MSSM-001.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

**Listing of pending claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.